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SUBJ: IRISH POLICY TOWARD CAP

1. DURING WORKING DINNER FOR AMBASSADOR GREENWALD WITH GOI AGRICULTURE PERMANENT SECRETARY BARRY, AGRICULTURE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EC AFFAIRS O'MAHONEY, LIVESTOCK AND MEAT BORAD MANAGER NEEDHAM AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR WHITAKER, THERE WAS EXTENDED DISCUSSION ON IRISH POLICY TOWARD EC'S CAP. IRISH, DOMINATED BY BARRY, CONTENDED THAT, AT LEAST FOR SHORT RUN, IRISH CATTLE RAISING TRADE COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY EASY COMMUNITY ACCESS TO CHEAP PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS.

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2. BARRY SAID THAT OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY ITALY,

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COULD BUY YOUNG CATTLE AT CONCESSIONARY PRICES FROM EASTERN EUROPE. (IRISH COULD OR WOULD NOT BUY SUCH CATTLE BECAUSE OF IRISH DISEASE AVOIDANCE POLICY.) IF CHEAP PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS WERE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY. ITALIANS COULD RAISE THESE STORE CATTLE CHEAPLY AND EFFECTIVELY COMPETE WITH IRISH STORES RAISED ON GRASS. TRANSPORTATION COSTS WOULD ALSO HELP ITALIANS IN EC MARKETS. LIVESTOCK AND MEAT BOARD CHAIRMAN NEEDHAM SAID THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY APPLY AFTER COMPLETION IRISH TRANSITION TO FULL EC MEMBERSHIP IN 1978, BUT AGREED THAT BARRY'S POINT WAS VALID NOW.

3. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD POINTED OUT THAT IRISH COULD BENEFIT BY CHEAP PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS AS MUCH AS ITALIANS BECAUSE IRISH WOULD BE ABLE TO FATTEN CATTLE OVER WINTER. WE ALSO NOTED THAT DISEASE-FREE SITUATION LIKELY TO CHANGE AFTER IRELAND MORE FULLY MERGED WITH EC AND THAT IRELAND COULD IMPORT CHEAP CATTLE FROM EASTERN EUROPE AS EASILY AS ITALIANS, CONCEDING THAT TRANSPORTATION COSTS WOULD BE HIGHER. GREENWALD ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CHEAP FLOW OF YOUNG CATTLE FROM EASTERN EUROPE WAS STATE-CONTROLLED AND THEREFORE COULD BE CUT OFF.

4. BELIEVE THESE POINTS MADE SOME IMPRESSION ON IRISH, BUT AT SAME TIME THEY REMAIN CONVINCED THAT POLICIES DESIGNED TO REDUCE PRICES OF PROTEIN FEED STUFFS IS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY IN IRISH INTEREST FOR SHORT TERM.

5. EDITORIAL IN IRISH PRESS JULY 30 NOTED WITH CONCERN POINT MADE BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD (PRESUMABLY IN U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEECH) RE RELATIONSHIP IRISH CATTLE TRADE WITH PRICE OF PROTEIN FEEDSTUFFS STATING THAT, IF U.S. VIEWS ACCEPTED, "VITAL AREA OF CATTLE PROTEIN FOODS WHICH CONCERNS OUR FARMERS MAY YET WRECK THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY."

6. THIS MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED AFTER AMB GREENWALD'S DEPARTURE AND NOT CLEARED WITH HIM.
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